

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

A listing of the entire set of pending claims is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) ~~A starter housing (1) as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that~~
A starter housing for a gas discharge lamp comprising
an outer and an inner housing arranged one inside the other in an assembled state of
the starter housing, the outer housing comprising a metal layer for electromagnetic screening
of the inner housing, and
an inner housing tube arranged at the inner housing, which, in the assembled state is
surrounded by an outer housing tube arranged at the outer housing, said inner housing tube
and outer housing tube together forming a plug-in socket,
wherein reference elements are arranged at the respective tubes of both housings such that
they co-operate in the assembled state for defining the positions of the two tubes with respect
to one another, the housing further comprising a reference body (13) is arranged at one of the
inner and outer tubes and bearing, tube (11) of one of the two housings (10), which body (13)
in the assembled state, bears on an edge of the other of the inner and outer tubes tube (8)
arranged at the other housing (5).
3. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]] The starter housing of claim 2, wherein (1) as claimed in Claim~~
~~2, characterized in that the reference body is formed as a peg (13) which in the assembled state~~
~~enters with snugly fitting into a passage (14) or an indentation in the respective other tube (8).~~
4. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]] The starter housing of claim 3, wherein (1) as claimed in~~
~~Claim 3, characterized in that a the peg (13) is arranged at the inner housing tube (11) and~~
~~enters a hole (14) in the outer housing tube (5).~~

5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The starter housing of claim 3, wherein ~~(1) as claimed in Claim 3 or 4, characterized in that~~ the peg ~~(13)~~ is conical in shape.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The starter housing of claim 4, wherein ~~(1) as claimed in Claim 4 or 5, characterized in that~~ the peg ~~(13)~~ in the assembled state projects beyond a side of the outer housing tube ~~(8)~~ that faces away from the inner housing tube ~~(11)~~ and is designed such that its projecting length is removable ~~can be removed, in particular can be broken off.~~

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The starter housing of claim 3, wherein ~~(1) as claimed in Claim 3, characterized in that~~ a peg or a ridge is formed at the outer housing ~~(5)~~ so as to engage a through passage or a groove in the inner housing tube ~~(11)~~.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The starter housing of claim 1, further comprising ~~(1) as claimed in any one of the Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ a plurality of co-operating reference elements ~~(13; 14)~~ are arranged at several sides of the tubes ~~(8; 10)~~.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The starter housing of claim 8, wherein ~~(1) as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that~~ the reference elements are formed by through passages in ~~both the~~ tubes ~~(8; 11)~~, which passages can be brought into alignment during mounting of the starter housing ~~(1)~~ and in which a fixation body can be fixed with snug fit, ~~in particular can be wedged,~~ for defining the positions of the ~~two~~ tubes ~~(8; 11)~~ with respect to one another.

10. (Cancelled)

11. A lamp with a starter housing ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the Claims 1 to 9.~~

12. A lighting device, ~~in particular a motor vehicle headlight, with~~ comprising a lamp having a starter housing ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the Claims 1 to 9.~~